

3. In paragraph 2 of the Detailed Action, the Examiner has objected to claim 6 because of an informality. Claim 6 has been amended to address this objection.
4. In paragraph 3 of the Detailed Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 54 to 56 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing particularly to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention. In support of this, the Examiner has stated that: "*Claims 54, the method for assembly an inkjet printhead assembly is not recited in claim 30.*"
5. It is respectfully submitted that the Applicant's intention was to cover a method of assembly of a printhead assembly as claimed in claim 30. In any event, claim 54 has been amended to introduce the features of claim 30. It is respectfully submitted that claim 54, as amended, successfully rebuts the rejection in paragraph 3. This submission extends to claims 55 and 56 since they are both dependent on claim 54.
6. In Paragraph 4 of the detailed action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 to 10, 17 to 19, 24 to 27, 30 to 35, 43 to 45, 49, 50 and 54 to 56 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Silverbrook (US 6,318,849).
7. It is respectfully submitted that both Silverbrook and the present application share a single common inventive entity, namely, Kia Silverbrook. Applicant encloses a declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 that establishes that the disclosure of Silverbrook is Applicant's own work (MPEP 2136.05).
8. In view of the above paragraph and the enclosed declaration, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection set out in paragraph 4 of the Detailed Action under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) is rebutted.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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6. A support according to claim 5, wherein opening into said recess of each printhead segment carrier is at least one elongate ink delivery slot extending therealong, the or each of which is in fluid communication with one only said ink supply channel via the or a said ink gallery extending from said at least one ink slot to an opening in a rear face within the slot of the printhead segment carrier.

54. A method for assembling an inkjet printhead assembly ~~according to claim 30~~ including a hollow elongate member of substantially constant cross-section along its length having a base wall, two sidewall sections standing out from the base wall, and at least one internal web extending inwardly from said base wall, said sidewall sections and webs defining a plurality of ink supply channels each in fluid communication with a slot extending along the member and free edges of said sidewall sections and said at least one internal web defining a periphery of a slot extending along the member, a plurality of printhead segment carriers received and secured in neighbouring arrangement within the slot, at least one printhead segment mounted to each printhead segment carrier and means for connection of each said ink supply channels to a respective ink supply source, wherein each printhead segment carrier includes at least one ink gallery arranged so as to connect the or an associated one of said ink supply channels with an ink inlet of the at least one printhead segment mounted to that printhead segment carrier, the method including the steps of

mounting to each printhead segment carrier its respective at least one printhead; and securing that printhead carrier within the slot,

wherein the step of mounting to each printhead segment carrier its respective at least one printhead segment precedes the step of securing that printhead segment carrier within the slot.